

EXTENDING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

G. M. Muckley, Corresponding Secretary of the National Board of Extension,

OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Talks Entertainingly of the Work at the First Christian Church, Sunday Morning.

Mr. G. M. Muckley, corresponding secretary of the national board of church extension of the Christian church, talked entertainingly of the work to a large congregation at the First Christian church yesterday morning. He talked at the Second church on the Island in the afternoon and at Bellaire last night. Mr. Muckley travels all over the United States in his official capacity as secretary of the board, and he has also traveled abroad where he has gathered facts concerning the work that he makes good use of here. After his address at the First church yesterday morning, the congregation contributed the sum of \$500 to the work. Mr. Muckley said in substance as follows:

The Old Method.

"Before the church extension fund was organized in the Christian churches of America the method of helping mission churches to build were indirect and very expensive. Plans were used like the chain letter which never was successful and it was the custom to have the pastor of the newly organized mission to travel up and down the country visiting older and stronger churches and thus securing small collections, half of which was used in paying traveling expenses and hotel bills, and when the money thus raised went to the church it was in the shape of a gift and never helped more than one church to complete its building.

"By the present church extension plan the money is loaned to the mission church at 4 per cent, to be returned in five equal annual installments, and at the end of five years it goes out to build another church, and so in the course of the allotted life time of man, three score years and ten, the same money will build fourteen churches."

Mr. Muckley gave a very interesting mathematical demonstration showing the working power of \$25,000 on the church extension plan, proving that by the money coming and going \$25,000 would do the work of \$6,231 in the course of five years. Mr. Muckley said that this was perpetual motion of money in the Lord's work.

"Business men are greatly attracted to the church extension plan because of its business management," continued Mr. Muckley. "The board is composed entirely of seven Christian business men, and before a mission church is aided by a loan from this board, it must first own its lot and must have its building all paid for in cash except what the loan from the extension fund will pay, thus avoiding all trouble with mechanics and material men's needs. The board then takes the first mortgage on the property to secure the loan."

The Work is Yet Young.

"The work of church extension in the Christian church is only twelve years old. It began in 1888 and the board was located at Kansas City, Missouri, because that location was in the centre of the territory where most of the money would be needed." Mr. Muckley explained that 505 churches had been aided in thirty-eight states and territories and the Dominion of Canada. "There is about \$260,000 in the church extension fund, which is a permanent loan fund. An expert accountant is called in to examine all the books and the securities held by this board and then reports, after auditing the accounts of the board, show that this board has never lost any loans. This is why business men so thoroughly approve this work. Banks, trust companies, and building associations wonder why this board has had no losses." Mr. Muckley explained that there was conscience back of the church extension loans and whenever an annual note is due, the mission church is under the obligation to pay it. "There is about \$260,000 in the church extension fund, which is a permanent loan fund. An expert accountant is called in to examine all the books and the securities held by this board and then reports, after auditing the accounts of the board, show that this board has never lost any loans. This is why business men so thoroughly approve this work. Banks, trust companies, and building associations wonder why this board has had no losses." Mr. Muckley explained that there was conscience back of the church extension loans and whenever an annual note is due, the mission church is under the obligation to pay it.

"The Christian church in the United States has taken for their watchword at the beginning of the twentieth century 'A half million for church extension by 1905.' This will be surely reached of all the churches do even half as well as the First and Second churches of Wheeling did to-day."

History of the Work.

Mr. Muckley gave a very interesting historical sketch of church work among the different religious bodies. "Church extension work began with Roman Catholics in France as early as 1816. They raised more than a million dollars in France alone as a fund to help the Jesuit missionaries secure church buildings in America when they were doing their pioneer work. With the Roman Catholic brethren it is only a question as to where is the best location to build, not 'can we build?' With the Protestant church extension work began first with the Wesleyan movement in Great Britain, the Metropolitan chapel of the city of London being organized that year. In America church extension work began first with the Presbyterian body in 1844. They have raised over \$2,000,000 for church erection, building over 6,000 church buildings in the United States. The Baptist church edifice fund followed in 1858, when Chaplain McCabe was interviewed by a reporter of the Pittsburgh Dispatch in the Pittsburgh union station recently, the first question asked the bishop was 'What do you consider to be the greatest moment in the history of Methodism in America?' Mr. McCabe replied, 'It was in 1864, when A. J. Kynette, a business man of Iowa, arose in our na-

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tional conference and moved the starting of our church extension fund. Then we had 600,000 Methodists in the United States. To-day we have 2,750,000 more as a result of this extension work than as a result of any home missionary movement among us, because as fast as Methodists swarmed into the new towns of the west, we furnished them with a hive and put them to work by encouragement from our extension fund. Methodists have raised over \$7,000,000 for the extension of the church fund and have built over 13,000 church buildings.

"In Chicago the Methodists own seventy church buildings, fifty-three of which were helped primarily by their church extension fund. The Congregational church has raised \$21,750,000 and have built over 6,000 buildings."

Mr. Muckley stated that the reason he gave these statistics showing what other religious bodies had done was not for the sake of invidious comparison, but to show the value and importance of a large church extension fund for the Christian church in the United States.

CLEANSING A NECESSITY

In Church Work, the Topic of Rev. Bleakley at Wesley M. E. Church.

At Wesley M. E. church, Rev. Bleakley preached a sermon yesterday morning from the words "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This was one of a series of sermons on the subject, "Preparation for Church Work," being the fourth of the series. He dwelt especially on the latter part of the text. His theme was, "cleansing a necessity for church work." Some of the points made were as follows: If we have been forgiven, the next thing necessary is cleansing. We ought to be pure. He spoke of the difference between purity and maturity. The former comes in this life, while the latter does not; but we must be pure before we are prepared to go on to maturity. Perfect cleansing is necessary before we can grow in grace, which is the same as going on to maturity. Maturity is not reached in this life nor in the life to come. We can go on increasing in the knowledge of God throughout the ages of eternity and never reach maturity. He urged on all the members of the church, to be sure to have that perfect cleansing that comes through the confession of our sins by the blood of Christ being applied to their perfect washing away, which is the cleansing spoken of in the text.

The night service consisted of a service of sacred song by the choir, under the direction of the leader, Harry Bell. Quite a number of anthems and hymns were given. These, with a short address by the pastor, made the evening one of great religious enjoyment. The Sunday school of this church will give a cantata on Christmas eve, which promises to be an enjoyable event, in every way.

BOARD OF TRADE

Committee to Meet To-night to Take Up the Fight for the Big English Steel Making Concern Which Intends Coming to America.

The publication in Saturday's Intelligencer of the letter written to this paper by Messrs. Seeborn & Steckstahl, of Sheffield, England, said to be the largest crucible steel making concern in Great Britain, in which they stated their intention of erecting an immense plant in the United States and that they had gone so far as to option a site—where, unfortunately, is not in the Wheeling district—was received with the greatest interest, and the additional statement that the Wheeling board of trade's committee on organization would inaugurate a campaign to secure the location of the concern in the Wheeling district, was received with the greatest satisfaction. On all sides the hope is expressed that the effort may prove successful, and one and all opine that success will come if Wheeling's remarkable and unsurpassed industrial advantages are brought to the attention of the English firm. It is likely that the committee, at its meeting to-night at the chamber of commerce rooms, will outline a plan of campaign, which will be submitted to a meeting of the board of trade to be held later. Among other things, the committee has to recommend to the board constitution and by-laws and a recommendation for the secretaryship.

Dancing Class Resumes.

The Monday night dancing class conducted by Misses Anne Warner and Eva Odenbaugh at Odd Fellow's hall will resume its sessions this evening after being discontinued on account of the campaign. Miss Angela Neuhard will preside at the piano, which insures excellent music for the many devotees of Terpsichore who attend this popular dancing school.

Woman's Suffrage Meeting.

The West Virginia Equal Suffrage Association holds its fifth annual convention at the court house, in Fairmont, December 1. The state officers are to be elected and work planned for the ensuing year. All friends of woman's enfranchisement are invited to be present.

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The dinner given by Mrs. James W. Paxton and Mr. Charles W. Paxton to the Brockunier-Ferguson bridal party, Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Shirley Brockunier, the bride-elect, will not be surpassed in beauty and elegance. "Uplands," the handsome colonial home of the family, was thrown open and most beautiful effects produced everywhere by the use of pink-shaded lights, flowers and southern smilax, with cupids and hearts mingled in the trimmings, betokening the occasion in honor of which the festivity was on. The dining room magnificently appointed, with a pink glow cast over the whole apartment, held the round table at which the party was seated with its centre exquisitely banked with roses and rose-buds scattered the entire surface. The service, which was daintily effected, suggested in its planning and appointments the marriage celebration. Artistic water-color place-cards of cupid and heart designs, with pink satin heart-shaped bon-bon boxes, were the souvenirs of each guest. A charming courtesy of the occasion was the invitation of Mrs. Paxton and her son, to the out-of-town guests here for the wedding, to a reception later that evening, complimentary to the bridal party, which consisted of Miss Elizabeth Shirley Brockunier and her attendants, Miss Mary Brockunier, Miss M. Hulda Delaplaine, Miss Lillian Edgerton Vance, Miss Ellie Lewis, Miss Flora Wilson, and Miss Theda Clarke, of Neenah, Wisconsin; Mr. Wilson Ferguson, the groom-elect; the groomsmen, Mr. Nathaniel T. Ferguson, and the ushers, Mr. Samuel Hugh Brockunier, Mr. Richard V. Buckley, of Philadelphia; Mr. James Britton, of Fredericksburg, Va.; Mr. George Clotts, of New York; Mr. Harry Riggs, of Baltimore; Mr. Frank Riggs, of Baltimore; Mr. Samuel Hugh Brockunier, of this city; gentlemen, who later headed the bridal procession to the altar, where Mr. Wilson Ferguson, with his brother, Mr. Nathaniel T. Ferguson, and the officiating clergymen awaited. To the Lohengrin wedding march and after the ushers were far up the right aisle of the church came the bridesmaids in single file, Miss Theda Clarke, of Neenah, Wisconsin, classmate of the bride at Wells College, leading, followed by four especially attractive Wheeling society girls, who made their debut at the same time with the bride-elect in the following order: Miss Ellie Lewis, Miss Flora Wilson, Miss Lillian Edgerton Vance and Miss M. Hulda Delaplaine, all beautifully gowned in white, carrying large bouquets of chrysanthemums and wearing Charlotte Corday caps and gold hair brooches, the gifts to them of the bride. Following came little Valerie Hoff, of Reading, Pa., niece of the groom, as flower girl; the Miss Mary Brockunier, sister of the bride, very pretty in her pink gown, as maid of honor, immediately preceding the bride, escorted by her father, Hon. Charles Wesley Brockunier. Miss Brockunier, a girl of high-bred manner, made a more than usually striking and beautiful bride in a wedding gown of white satin, trimmed in rose point and covered with full veil tulle, fastened with orange blossoms, her left arm encircled with the bride's bouquet of orchids. When she reached the altar, where the bride party formed a double semi-circle about her, and stood there with her father and affianced husband in a bower of blossoms, the scene was of exceptional beauty and effectiveness. The marriage service was very impressively spoken, after which, to Mendelssohn's wedding march, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were ushered to the right aisle from the altar, preceded by the flower girl and followed by attendants. A reception and wedding supper followed at the Brockunier home on North Main street. After a several months' wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson will be at home in Reading, Pa., and Wheeling society will have lost one of its most cultured and attractive girls. Mrs. Ferguson was a graduate of Wells college, and was the bride for which Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, is sponsor; was an officer of the West Virginia Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution in this city, and popular in society. Out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mr. Nathaniel T. Ferguson, brother of the groom, with his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Orin S. Doan, little, formerly Miss Grace Ferguson, well remembered as the house guest of the Brockunier family; Mr. Charles Hoff, brother-in-law of the groom, with his young daughter, Valerie; Mr. and Mrs. James Fraser, of Reading, Pa.; Mrs. Frank Julian Hearne and son William L. Hearne, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. J. W. L. Foster, of Toronto, Canada, artist, who painted the Brockunier family portraits, and Rev. Dr. Reed, of Dickinson college, who, as an old friend of the family, came on to perform the ceremony, as it will be recalled he did a year ago for the younger sister, Miss Sara Zane Brockunier, who at that time, because of a recent death in the family, in a beautiful quiet home wedding, became the wife

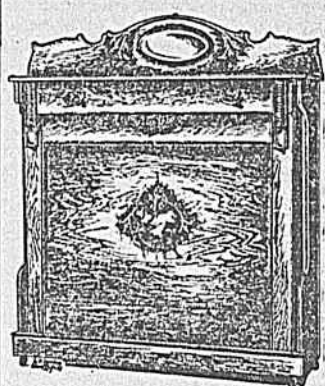
No handsomer wedding than the Brockunier-Ferguson wedding, solemnized last Wednesday, in the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. Dr. George Edward Reed, president of Dickinson college, assisted by Rev. S. T. Westhafer, pastor of the church, has occurred in this city for years. The church auditorium was beautifully arranged for the occasion, white chrysanthemums, southern smilax and white ribbons being used from altar to doors, the windows banked with them, and the pews for the reception invited guests festooned both with ribbons and flowers. The courtesies to the assembling guests were extended through Mr. Charles F. Paxton and Mr. Robert Gilchrist, of this city; Mr. Richard V. Buckley, of Philadelphia; Mr. James Britton, of Fredericksburg, Va.; Mr. George Clotts, of New York; Mr. Harry Riggs, of Baltimore; Mr. Frank Riggs, of Baltimore; Mr. Samuel Hugh Brockunier, of this city, gentlemen, who later headed the bridal procession to the altar, where Mr. Wilson Ferguson, with his brother, Mr. Nathaniel T. Ferguson, and the officiating clergymen awaited. To the Lohengrin wedding march and after the ushers were far up the right aisle of the church came the bridesmaids in single file, Miss Theda Clarke, of Neenah, Wisconsin, classmate of the bride at Wells College, leading, followed by four especially attractive Wheeling society girls, who made their debut at the same time with the bride-elect in the following order: Miss Ellie Lewis, Miss Flora Wilson, Miss Lillian Edgerton Vance and Miss M. Hulda Delaplaine, all beautifully gowned in white, carrying large bouquets of chrysanthemums and wearing Charlotte Corday caps and gold hair brooches, the gifts to them of the bride. Following came little Valerie Hoff, of Reading, Pa., niece of the groom, as flower girl; the Miss Mary Brockunier, sister of the bride, very pretty in her pink gown, as maid of honor, immediately preceding the bride, escorted by her father, Hon. Charles Wesley Brockunier. Miss Brockunier, a girl of high-bred manner, made a more than usually striking and beautiful bride in a wedding gown of white satin, trimmed in rose point and covered with full veil tulle, fastened with orange blossoms, her left arm encircled with the bride's bouquet of orchids. When she reached the altar, where the bride party formed a double semi-circle about her, and stood there with her father and affianced husband in a bower of blossoms, the scene was of exceptional beauty and effectiveness. The marriage service was very impressively spoken, after which, to Mendelssohn's wedding march, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were ushered to the right aisle from the altar, preceded by the flower girl and followed by attendants. A reception and wedding supper followed at the Brockunier home on North Main street. After a several months' wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson will be at home in Reading, Pa., and Wheeling society will have lost one of its most cultured and attractive girls. Mrs. Ferguson was a graduate of Wells college, and was the bride for which Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, is sponsor; was an officer of the West Virginia Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution in this city, and popular in society. Out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mr. Nathaniel T. Ferguson, brother of the groom, with his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Orin S. Doan, little, formerly Miss Grace Ferguson, well remembered as the house guest of the Brockunier family; Mr. Charles Hoff, brother-in-law of the groom, with his young daughter, Valerie; Mr. and Mrs. James Fraser, of Reading, Pa.; Mrs. Frank Julian Hearne and son William L. Hearne, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. J. W. L. Foster, of Toronto, Canada, artist, who painted the Brockunier family portraits, and Rev. Dr. Reed, of Dickinson college, who, as an old friend of the family, came on to perform the ceremony, as it will be recalled he did a year ago for the younger sister, Miss Sara Zane Brockunier, who at that time, because of a recent death in the family, in a beautiful quiet home wedding, became the wife

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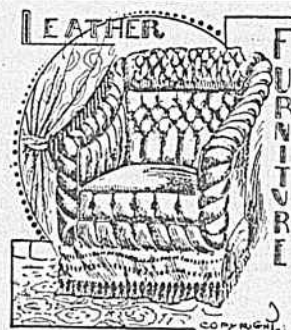
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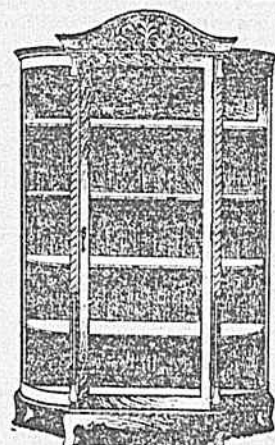
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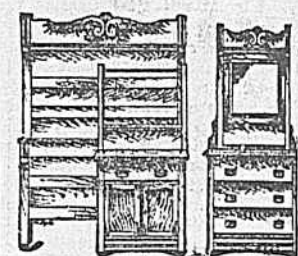
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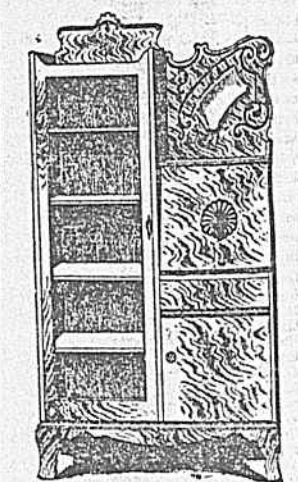


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The Woman's Musical Club inaugurates its sixth season with a brilliant concert this evening, in the A. O. U. W. hall, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets. The concert is open to the public, both men and women, and a large audience is deserved. Those selected from the present membership to take a part in to-night's programme are Mrs. Flora Williams, Mrs. Herbert M. Ri-

heldaffer, Mrs. Frederic F. Faris, Mrs. Thomas J. Danner and the Misses Nellie Ebeling, Grace Summers, Ella Brice, Amanda Spell, Ida Spell, Alice Egerton, Eva Egerton and the choral organization of the club in four numbers.

Dr. Will Merchant Injured.

The friends of Dr. Will Merchant, whose home is in this city, but who has been practicing medicine at Ironton, O., received word yesterday that he had been seriously injured in a runaway accident there last Tuesday. Dr. Merchant was driving in a buggy and for some reason the horse became unmanageable and ran off, throwing the occupant to the ground. Upon examination it was found he suffered from a broken leg and severe injuries about the head. It is the sincerest wish of Dr. Merchant's friends in this city that his injuries will not prove fatal.

Mrs. Allan Brock Dead.

The many friends of Mrs. Emma Brock, wife of Allan Brock, will be pained to learn of her demise at 2.30 o'clock this morning. While Mrs. Brock has been ailing for several months and her death came not unexpectedly, it was none the less to be de-

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